

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 4-8, 11 and 12 are active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

The claims have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which applicants regard as their invention. Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 1 thereby making claim 4 fully independent. In addition, the amount of the auxiliary oxide added to a stock material of low-temperature sintered dielectric ceramic material or calcination thereof is set at 6 mol %, a preferred aspect of the invention as disclosed in the specification at page 13, lines 21-22.

New claim 12 is added also directed to a preferred aspect of the invention which is disclosed generally at page 1, lines 15-16 and also at page 14, lines 2-6, page 17, lines 15-16 and page 26, beginning at line 34 and continuing through page 27, line 2. In addition, *see* also the illustration in Figure 9c of the drawings. The amendments made to claim 4 and new claim 12 find ample basis in the written description of the invention.

In preparing revisions to claim 4 and in drafting new claim 12, the examiner's comments in item 10 of the Official Action have been taken into account.

Counsel affirms the election of claims 4-8 and implicitly claim 11 which was added but not specifically mentioned in the listing of claims on page 2 of the Official Action. Claims 1-3, 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice to a divisional application or applications directed to subject matter of these claims.

Counsel has noted the examiner's comments in items 8 and 9 of the Official Action and understands them to be directed to the formulas given on page 17, line 5 and page 24, line 10. The correct form of presentation is as given at page 18, line 4, so the formulas given on pages 17 and 24 have been amended accordingly.

Claims 4-8 and 11 are rejected as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,772,985 to Yasumoto et al. Considering the amendments made to the claims as

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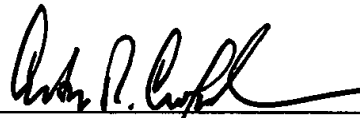
discussed above, this rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended to distinguish from the disclosures of the applied reference, thus withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Reconsideration and allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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